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SEE FINISH OF RAILROAD BILL

Vote Expected In Senate Either Thursday Or Friday

Conference Committee Will Have Many Knotty Problems To Solve As Measures Considered By The Two Branches Of Congress Are Dissimilar In Many Respects—Insurgents Say Every Republican Senator Will Vote For Bill On Final Showdown

Washington, May 23.—From present indications the administration railroad bill will be in the hands of the conference committee by the latter part of this week. It will be passed in the senate Thursday or Friday, unless further obstacles are placed in its way by the insurgents. Debate on the bill will be resumed tomorrow. The Cummins amendment providing that increased rates shall not become effective until approved by the interstate commerce commission, is the principal matter in controversy now. It will be debated for a day or two. The lines are closely drawn on the Cummins amendment and it will be beaten or adopted by a narrow margin. The insurgents express the belief that the amendment will be incorporated in the bill.

All signs point to a prolonged controversy in conference over the railroad bill. The long and short haul clause and the sections of the house bill relating to capitalization will excite a great deal of controversy. While it has not yet been determined whether the senate shall retain in the bill pending in that body the sections bearing on capitalization, this subject will come up in conference inasmuch as the house bill contains features along this line.

What House Leaders Predict. House leaders expect that the conference will have more trouble over the long and short haul clause than any other features of the administration bill. The house adopted the Mann long and short haul clause by an overwhelming majority. This clause has teeth in it, and is particularly objectionable to the railroads and shippers at terminals, inasmuch as it prohibits a greater charge for a short haul for a long haul under any circumstances.

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FEAR FOR BALLOONISTS

Pittsfield, Mass., May 23.—Anxiety is expressed over the safety of three New York men who made a balloon ascension from here and have not yet been heard from. William Whitehouse piloted the balloon Pittsfield, taking up with him Philip Carroll and Lorimer Warner.

Utah Has the Shakes. Salt Lake City, May 23.—Morning slumber was disturbed by a violent rocking of the earth, the seismograph at the state university recording a disturbance of 30 seconds. The earthquake was sharp and caused considerable damage to crockery, chimneys and old adobe houses. The tremor was local, being confined within a radius of 50 miles.

CHICKEN HAWK FOOLED

Tries to Make Meal Off of Woman's Chanticleer Hat.

New York, May 23.—While on her way to church Mrs. Margaret McPhail of Elmira, N. J., had an exciting experience with a huge chicken hawk, which made off with her chanticleer hat. When near the schoolhouse on Pompton pike she first noticed the hawk hovering over her, but high in the air. After circling about and swinging nearer and nearer to her the hawk suddenly swooped down on her head and seized the hat. It fluttered and pulled at the headgear, while Mrs. McPhail screamed. Two farmers ran to her assistance. By that time the hatpins had worked loose and the hawk flew away with the headgear in its claws.

RESENTS BEING TOLD TO CHANGE CARS

Indianapolis, May 23.—William J. Mulkey, en route from North Carolina to Missouri, was waked up at the Union station by the conductor of a Pennsylvania train and told that he would have to change cars here. Mulkey didn't seem to comprehend the situation, and when the conductor told him that he would have to leave the car he drew a pistol and began firing right and left. Five members of his pistol were discharged before he could be overpowered. One bullet entered the thigh of a passenger on the train, making a serious wound. With the

first shot from the revolver the women in the car began to scream, men ducked under the seats, and several persons went headlong out of the windows and scampers in every direction. Mulkey was arrested, and said he thought he was being attacked and that his life was in danger.

Snow In New Mexico. Albuquerque, N. M., May 23.—Northeastern New Mexico is in the grip of a heavy snowstorm. The storm is centered at Pecos. It is feared a loss of live stock will result.

Yes, She Is a Milkmaid, Fair and—



To milk a cow in Denmark must be somewhat of an undertaking, according to all reports. The cows are gentle enough, if one may judge by the picture of the cow's head in this cut, but the milkmaids are not of the "Where are you going my pretty maid?" style known to popular verse in the United States. When a woman goes to milk a cow in Norway she does not take any chance of having skirts spoiled by an overturned bucket, nor does she borrow father's, husband's or brother's clothing. She has an outfit of her own that fits her snugly. And then this Norway milkmaid posed for her picture little thinking that it would come to the United States to be used by suffragists as a practical argument for up to date women's costumes.

GOVERNOR HARMON VETOES THE SCHAIBLY BILL

Columbus, O., May 23.—Declaring that county treasurers have ample means to collect delinquent personal taxes, Governor Harmon vetoed the Schaibly bill, authorizing treasurers to employ persons to collect these delinquencies at a compensation to be fixed by them, but not to exceed 25 per cent. The present law per-

mitting treasurers to employ these collectors at a compensation to be fixed by the county commissioners is not disturbed. The Schaibly bill permitting traveling salesmen to carry 150 pounds free as baggage was also disapproved by the governor because, he says, it would encumber passenger service.

APPRECIATES SYMPATHY

King George Thanks Subjects For Homage Paid Father.

London, May 23.—King George has issued the following:

"To my People: The voice of affection and loving devotion to the memory of my dear father which has come from every part of the empire, the outward public demonstrations, especially those in my capital during the two stages of his passing to his last resting place, and the pathetic manner in which the vast multitudes of his loving subjects patiently and reverently awaited the opportunity to pay the last tribute to his memory, have profoundly touched me and my whole family. A sorrow so sudden and unlooked-for might well have been overwhelming, but the sympathy extended makes me realize that it is a loss common to me and my people. They share it with me. I do not stand alone. With such thoughts I take courage and hopefully look into the future, strong in my faith in God, trusting my people and cherishing the laws and constitution of my beloved country."

Ends Illness With Acid. Bellefontaine, O., May 23.—Mrs. Lenora Wickersham, 64, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. Ill health was the cause.

HAS OWN COMET THEORY

Sandusky, O., May 23.—Captain W. C. Collins, who has studied the starry skies for more than a half century, as he went about the waters of the world, declares that the present comet is only a tramp, and that Halley's comet will appear next year. Collins is a veteran mariner and well versed in astronomy.

Toledo Editor is Dead. Toledo, O., May 23.—A. D. Pelton, owner of the Toledo Blade from 1857 to 1868, died at his home here. Death was caused by the infirmities of age. He was 87 years old.

Bucyrus Politician a Suicide. Bucyrus, O., May 23.—W. E. Forrest, prominent in local Democratic politics, ended his life with a revolver. Mr. Forrest had been brooding over failing health.

Morris Goes to Prison. Cleveland, O., May 23.—Harry Morris, the young society man convicted last week of attempted blackmail, left here in custody for Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where he will begin a sentence of two years.

TWO CELESTIAL SHOWS TONIGHT

Face of Fair Luna to Be Obscured By Earth's Shadow.

COMET TO DO USUAL STUNTS

Astronomers Continue to Advance Theories as to Whereabouts of Tail, but Intricate Calculations Must Be Made Before Definite Information Is Obtained—Some Believe It Has Become Detached and Will Drift Until Dissipated.

Chicago, May 23.—Heavy rain-clouds again obscured Halley's comet from observation. Astronomers say that a good view of both nucleus and tail will be had today during the total eclipse of the moon, which begins early in the evening and lasts until after midnight. At 10:25 tonight the comet will set, and although the totality of the eclipse does not occur until some time later, the nearly complete obscuration of the moon's face will greatly aid observation of the comet.

Precisely what happened to the tail of the comet has not been satisfactorily settled by the chiefs and experts of the various observatories in America, and will not be settled for a considerable time. A number of calculations must be carefully made before the astronomers can speak with certainty.

An interesting conclusion to which Professor Daniel McHugh of DePaul university has come is that since the head of the comet has ceased activity it is possible that a large part of the tail has been left behind. In that case it will drift through space and will in time be dissipated. Admitting that the tail has been cut loose from the nucleus, say the astronomers, it will become a nebulae subject to the general laws of gravity within the solar system, but will probably be doomed to disappear.

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

CHICAGO—Cattle: Beefsteers, \$5.00@8.75; Texas steers, \$5.00@6.40; western steers, \$5.10@7.25; stockers and feeders, \$4.00@6.40; cows and heifers, \$2.75@7.25. Sheep and Lambs—Native sheep, \$4.00@6.50; western, \$4.00@6.40; native lambs, \$5.75@9.00; western, \$5.00@9.00; yearlings, \$5.00@7.50. Hogs—Light, \$9.40@9.70; mixed, \$9.35@9.75; heavy, \$9.35@9.70; rough, \$9.25@9.50; pigs, \$9.10@9.60. Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.15; corn—No. 2, 61¢@62¢. Oats—No. 2, 40¢@41¢. EAST BUFFALO—Cattle: Export cattle, \$7.40@8.15; shipping steers, \$7.40@7.60; butcher cattle, \$6.75@7.25; heifers, \$6.00@7.25; fat cows, \$4.00@5.00; bulls, \$6.25@6.50; milkers and springers, \$25.00@27.00. Calves—\$8.50@9.25. Sheep and Lambs—Mixed sheep, \$5.00@6.00; wethers, \$5.00@6.25; ewes, \$5.25@5.50; lambs, \$7.00@9.00; yearlings, \$6.75@7.25. Hogs—Heavy hogs and mediums, \$10.05@10.10; Yorkers, \$10.10; pigs, \$10.15@10.20; stags, \$8.00@8.50; roughs, \$9.00@9.10. PITTSBURGH—Cattle: Choice, \$8.30@8.50; prime, \$8.00@8.25; tidy butchers, \$7.15@7.25; heifers, \$4.00@7.00; cows, bulls and stags, \$4.00@7.00; fresh cows, \$25.00@50.00. Calves—Veal, \$6.00@9.00. Sheep and Lambs—Prime wethers, \$5.50@6.00; good mixed, \$5.40@5.75; lambs, \$6.50@7.25; spring lambs, \$7.00@10.00. Hogs—Heavy hogs and mediums, \$9.25; Yorkers and pigs, \$9.50@10.00. CLEVELAND—Cattle: Choice steers, \$7.00@7.50; heifers, \$5.50@6.50; fat cows, \$5.00@5.50; bulls, \$6.00@6.25; milkers and springers, \$20.00@25.00. Calves—\$8.75@9.00. Sheep and Lambs—Mixed sheep, \$5.25@5.75; ewes, \$6.00@6.25; best sheep, \$6.00; lambs, \$5.00@5.50. Hogs—Heavy, mediums, Yorkers and pigs, \$9.50; roughs, \$8.75; mixed, \$9.50; stags, \$8.00. CINCINNATI—Wheat: No. 2 red, \$1.15@1.16; corn—No. 2 mixed, 62¢@63¢; oats—No. 2 mixed, 40¢@41¢. Rye—No. 2, 80¢@82¢. Lard—\$13.00. Bulk Meats—\$15.75. Bacon—\$14.50. Cattle—\$2.75@7.50. Sheep—\$2.25@5.40. Lambs—\$4.00@7.15. Hogs—\$8.75@9.50. TOLEDO—Wheat, \$1.11; corn, 61¢@62¢; oats, 45¢@46¢; rye, 75¢; cloverseed, \$6.90.

STOCKMAN SHOT DOWN Sent Enemy Word of Coming and Latter Pulled Gun First. Springfield, Mo., May 23.—Andrew Lack, a wealthy stockman and former bank president at Lockwood, Mo., was shot and mortally wounded there by Dr. G. J. Massey, in the latter's drug store. Lack and Massey had been at odds some time, and Lack made threats, it is said, that he would clean up Massey, and proceeded towards his place of business. Massey was notified when he came, and shot him.

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PRETTY SCHOOL TEACHER KILLED

Found Dead In Room At Peoria, Ill., Hotel

Companion Is Held In Jail—Conductor Tells Of Registering As Husband And Wife And Of Leaving Room Early In Morning To Get Drink And Upon Returning Finding Her Dead With Three Bullet Holes Through Body—Knows No Motive For Suicide

Peoria, Ill., May 23.—Whether Miss Minnie Ahlers, 29, a pretty school-teacher of Princeville, who was found dead in bed in the Metropolitan hotel here with three bullet holes through the body, was murdered or committed suicide, is the problem which is right now puzzling the local police department. S. Eastery, 27, of Milcothe, a freight conductor for the Santa Fe, who for a little less than a year has had clandestine relations with the girl, it is alleged, is in jail here, but has not yet been formally charged with the crime.

Eastery and Miss Ahlers came to Peoria and registered at the hotel as man and wife. They occupied the same room and, according to Eastery, the girl spent half the night in tears. He arose a few moments prior to the shooting, dressed and made his way to the buffet below. He was absent for about 15 minutes, and upon his return to the room discovered the dead body.

The prisoner told the coroner, it is reported, that he came to Peoria

with the girl on her promise to leave him here and go to Wyoming, agreeing to have nothing further to do with him. He said they had not quarreled and that she gave no intimation of a desire to take her life.

DEMANDS INQUIRY

Madrid, May 23.—The Spanish government has, it is said, decided to demand a fresh inquiry into the cause of the Maine disaster if the wreck of the battleship is raised. The most prominent Spanish naval experts have already prepared elaborate reports upholding their version of the cause of the disaster, namely, spontaneous combustion in the powder magazine.

LORIMER IS TO ASK FOR AN INVESTIGATION

Washington, May 23.—Senator Lorimer of Illinois has returned to Washington, and soon after his arrival here it was reported that the senator had just about made up his mind to ask the senate to investigate the charges of bribery that have been made in connection with his election. There have been rumors for several

days that one or two Democratic senators were threatening to introduce such a resolution. Senator Lorimer was working for several hours after he got here on the preparation of a statement, and the impression is that it is the defense which he will make when he asks that the charges be investigated.

FORTUNE FOR DRIVER DIES IN PARADE

Princeton, N. J., May 23.—As a member of the faculty put it, the legacy which fell to Princeton by the will of Isaac C. Wyman of Salem, Mass., is big enough to cover the difference of opinion which led to the withdrawal last February of William Cooper Proctor's offer of half a million dollars for the uses of the graduate school of Princeton university. Mr. Wyman's bequest, which is left for the development of the graduate school, according to the plans of Dean Andrew F. West, is variously estimated at from \$2,000,000 to 10 times that sum.

ABANDONS RETURN TRIP

Ugly Weather Prevents DeLesseps' Second Channel Flight. London, May 23.—Owing to a stiff wind and a haze, Jacques de Lesseps, the aviator who crossed the English channel from Calais to Dover in a monoplane, decided not to attempt to make the return aerial flight. He went back in the French torpedo boat which was detailed to accompany him on his flight to England, leaving his aeroplane to be packed and shipped home.

Piqua, O., May 23.—While driving an open carriage in the parade of the grand commandery, Knights of St. John of Ohio, here, John Croy, a cab driver, suddenly fell from his seat dead from heart failure.

HERRICK QUILTS RACE

Cleveland, O., May 23.—Just before the Cuyahoga county Republican convention was called to order ex-Governor Myron T. Herrick decided not to ask for a United States senatorial endorsement.

Chicago Merchant Dies. Chicago, May 23.—Erskine Mason Phelps, one of the pioneer merchants of Chicago, died at his residence here of bronchial pneumonia.